


**REMARKS**

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claim 3 and added claim 4 for the corresponding cancelled claim.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Marked-Up Version Showing Changes".

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binding positions when the first operating portions are moved toward each other, and

that the binding legs are released and the first operating portions move away from each other when the second operating portions are moved toward each other.

3. The binder according to claim 1 ~~[or 2]~~, characterized in that the base-forming members are common in shape, and

that the base is formed by combining the base-forming members.